

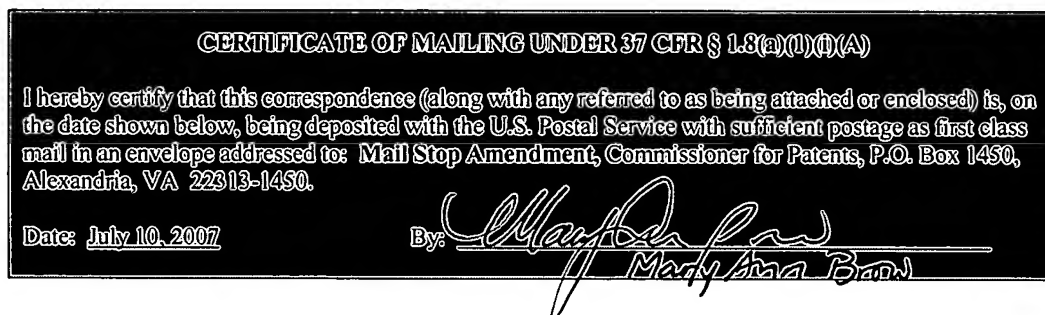


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: James E. Dahlberg, *et al.*
Serial No.: 10/740,256 Group No.: 1637
Filed: 12/18/2003 Examiner: Christopher M. Babic
Entitled: **Detection of Small Nucleic Acids**

**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO
OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 10, 2007**

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2007, with response due on or before April 10, 2007. A petition for three months extension of time, to July 10, 2007, is included herewith.

In accordance with the procedure for Revised Amendment Practice under 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.